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The issue is Belle Glade firefighters and police officers living in Wellington, Royal Palm and West Palm Beach. Until six months ago, police and firefighters were required to live in

Belle Glade. Since that requirement has been lifted, Mathis says 50 percent of the police officers and a third of the firefighters have moved out of the area.

Mathis said he has a real problem with safety personnel living so far away. He also has a problem with the numerous key city officials running city hall who make their living in Belle Glade but do not live here.

"I have a problem with this on three levels," says Mathis. "Economically, they are taking their paychecks out of town. And since they don't own homes here, they don't pay ad valorem

taxes." He estimates the economic loss between \$750,000 to \$1 million a year going out of town.

Also, Mathis says, those who do not live here have less involvement in the community (i.e. churches, school activities, civic clubs, Chamber of Commerce).

But, Mathis says his number one concern is the response time for fires and emergencies by firefighters and police officers. Fire response time used to be five to 10 minutes. Firefighters on duty still have that response time, but if off-duty firefighters are called in, they now have to be given an hour to get ready and drive in, if they live outside the area.

Mathis, 63, was Belle Glade's Police Chief from 1977 to 1986 and the city manager from 1987

to 1990. With his background, he feels he understands both sides of the issue.

"Don't get me wrong. I think Mike Miller (current Police Chief) does an excellent job with the police department. I also think the city commission has done a super job in the past, but we need to turn this thing around."

While Mathis says he feels very strongly about the issue of police officers and firefighters not living outside the area, he says, "I realize I have brought the commission a problem without also bringing them a solution."

Who made the decision to let safety personnel live outside the area?

Chief Mike Miller, who is also the Director of Public Safety, has been a vocal advocate of police and firefighter personnel living in town, but says he reluctantly made the decision to ask the city government to

change the ruling.

"I believe philosophically and tactically it's very important for personnel to reside in the city. I continue to believe strongly in that."

"But, we were absolutely between a rock and the hard place trying to balance the need for experienced public safety personnel and maintaining the residency requirement," said Miller.

Belle Glade has 28 police officers, not counting the top brass. The fire department has 12 firefighters. Miller said he was losing about 20 officers a year and Fire Chief Steve Rice says his turnover was about five a year.

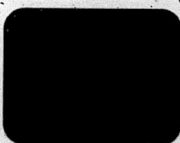
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Miller said that he consistently heard was, "Gee, chief, I really liked working here, but I really make so much more money (fill in any other police or fire station name in the county)."

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Quality and quantity are the key in water management

EDITOR'S NOTE: Much misinformation and rhetoric has surrounded the notion of "restoring" the Everglades since it became an explicit goal of the state in 1983. In an effort to assist with the overall understanding of the complex issues surrounding Everglades restoration, a report titled "The Everglades: A Volatile Mix of Science and Politics" was prepared for elected officials and Everglades stakeholders prior to the first meeting of Florida's Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on the Everglades. Written by former South Florida Water Management District Public Affairs Director



Cathleen C. Vogel, the report is designed to provide background information on Everglades issues and to assess the current status of Everglades programs. The Sun is reprinting the contents of the report in a series of articles over the next few weeks to help local residents understand the Everglades restoration project and how it affects

the local economy.

Supplying the Everglades with the water it needs

Not only does the Everglades need clean water, but it also needs adequate quantities flowing at the right time and place. Whether the hydropaternal improvements that will accrue through the implementation of the Everglades Forever Act are sufficient, or whether additional volumes of water will be needed, remains a question of scientific and policy debate. For the past six years, the South Florida Water Management District has been developing a water supply plan for

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Everglades Federal Credit Union robbed at gunpoint

By Julie C. Bramlett
Staff Reporter/Writer

Around 10:00 a.m. on January 15, the employees at Everglades Federal Credit Union received a very unpleasant wake-up call.

Three male assailants in their early to mid twenties entered the EFCU wearing masks and gloves and waving handguns.

One of the men even threat-

ened the life of an employee.

If you know the perpetrators or have information concerning this case, please remember they are considered armed and dangerous.

Please turn any information that may lead to an arrest to the Belle Glade Police Department; you may remain anonymous. You can contact Detective Lt. Dowdell at 996-7254.

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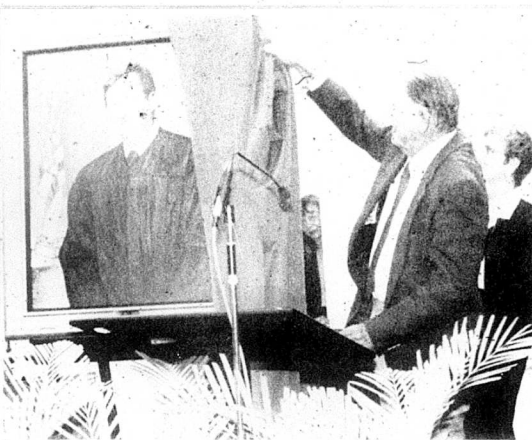
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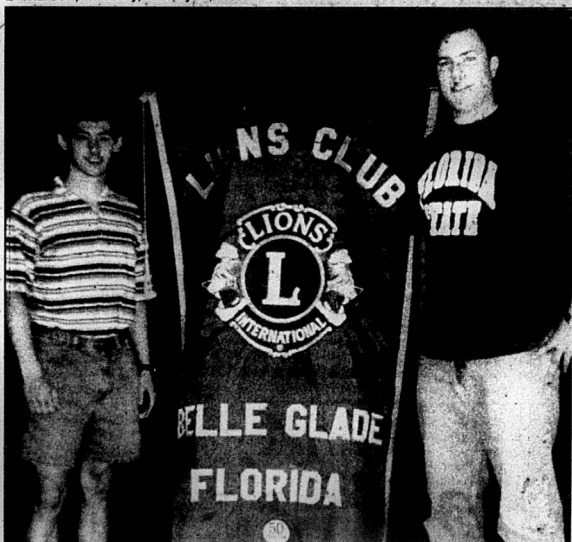
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THE BELLE GLADE LIONS CLUB recently awarded two scholarships to local youth. Jeffrey Goodall (left) will be a junior at the University of Florida and David Lively, (right) is a sophomore at Florida State University.



SANTA DELIVERS HEALTH AND SPIRIT TO HAITIAN CENTER...Arriving on the Glades Med-Mobile, Santa visited the Haitian Center distributing medical services and gifts on the unit in December. The staff of the Med-Mobile, wearing Santa hats, decorated the unit with musical lights and garland while distributing small gifts to the patients seen by the provider on the unit. Shown, from left are Susie Wallis, LPN, Norma Messam, Med-Mobile clerk, Charlotte Cornelius, ARNP and Michael Watts, driver. Vivian Bryant (not shown) also helped put the project together.



Look Who's 11

Low cost equipment and engine repair

The Diesel Mechanics class at West Technical Education Center is offering low cost engine and equipment repair to Glades residents.

Residents can get their equipment repaired and/or inspected by diesel mechanic students under the supervision of Certified Mechanics Instructor Manuel Moya. Participants will only be charged for parts and a minimum shop fee. For more information, call the school at 996-4930.

Nominations sought for the 1998 Animal Kindness Award

Palm Beach County's Animal Care and Control Division is seeking outstanding individuals or groups who have shown exemplary care and devotion to animals for the nomination of the annual Animal Kindness Award.

Those nominated for the award must be Palm Beach County residents whose good deeds to animals have taken place in the county area.

The Palm Beach County Animal Care and Control Advisory Board will review all of the nominations and choose the most worthy person for the award.

The award winner will then be submitted to the Board of County Commissioners for their approval.

The award ceremony will take place during national "Be Kind To Animals Week," the

first week in May. Nomination forms can be picked up at Animal Care and Control at 7100 Belvedere Road in West Palm Beach.

If you would like a form mailed to your home, call (561) 233-1200, ext. 281. Forms must be returned to Animal Care and Control by March 15, 1998.

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Members of the Belle Glade Woman's Club hosted the County Federation meeting on Thursday, Jan. 8 at the Drawbridge Cafe. Belle Glade resident Betty Thiebaud did a book review of Eugenia Price's story "Margaret's Story." Approximately 40 members of the county Federation of Women's Clubs attended.

Merrill Lynch representatives speak to Women Involved in Farm Economics

Representatives with Merrill Lynch were guest speakers at the January meeting of Women Involved in Farm Economics (WIFE).

The meeting was held at noon, Jan. 9, at the Drawbridge Cafe in Belle Glade.

Timothy J. Prescott, assistant vice-president with the Wellington office of Merrill Lynch, discussed the stock market and the opportunities for investing for the future. He said the "Asian Flu" has affected the market at the moment, but the stock market is the place to be in the next 10 years.

He told WIFE members that while he does not believe we can expect profit returns in the

20 percent range, the market should still give returns in the teens. He said stock selection in the future needs to be more selective to maximize profitable stocks.

Rick Hill, financial consultant with Merrill Lynch and Mr. Prescott manage assets for individuals and small institutions. Mr. Prescott grew up in Belle Glade and attended Florida State University where he received his B.S. degree in accounting. He has worked for Merrill Lynch as a financial consultant for 10 years.

Mr. Hill has a background of working with agricultural-related stocks. He grew up in South Texas and attended

Texas A&M University where he received his B.S. degree in Agricultural Economics.

Fourteen WIFE members attended the luncheon. WIFE is a grassroots organization which works for profitability in agriculture. Their goal is to educate themselves and others about the issues and the importance of supporting our farming population, which now consists of less than two percent of the American population.

Anyone interested in learning more about the WIFE organization can contact President Mary Beardsley at 941-983-6452 or Vice President Mary Orenigo in Belle Glade at 561-996-5198.

Can you spare an hour to help?

All concerned citizens, sororities, fraternities, clubs and parents of students at Pioneer

Park Elementary are asked to help make a difference in the lives of Glades area children.

The children at Pioneer Park Elementary School need help with afternoon tutoring. Tutoring will be offered to the children at Pioneer Park Elementary

on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. for children in grades three through five and on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for fourth grade students. If you can help, call Edna Stephens at 992-9122 or 993-4480.

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To have your cute kid's picture published and compete for local titles and trophies, bring your cute kid to local contest headquarters.

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HEALTH WATCH

CHILDREN'S HEALTH CORNER



By Faye Brandenburg

Was it too much ice cream and cake at your first-grader's birthday party? Something in the sausage pizza or that third ride on the merry-go-round? What caused that colorful return of lunch may keep you guessing, but one thing is for sure, you hope it doesn't happen again. And in most cases, it won't. Most vomiting is caused by gastroenteritis, that's a viral infection of the gastrointestinal tract which is usually simple and self-limiting. In other words, it probably won't last long.

On the other hand, if vomiting does continue, it could lead to dehydration. "Vomiting a few times is usually no big deal," says Dr. Philip Colaizzo. "Kids usually have enough fluid in their systems to compensate. It's when vomiting persists, when it's accompanied by diarrhea, or when the child is a baby or toddler that you need to be careful. Older children are more able to tell you when they're parched and thirsty. With infants, it's hard to know when they've crossed that line. That's why you need to contact a doctor immediately."

Most children need some parental comfort, since vomiting can be pretty scary. The first thing to do is to stop putting things in the child's stomach. That also goes for babies who are still breastfeed-

ing or bottlefeeding," says Dr. Colaizzo. "Just skip a regular feeding until the stomach seems to settle down." Offer oral rehydration fluids such as Pedialyte instead, in small, frequent sips. You can ask your pharmacist for these drinks

which are available at most drug stores. Wait for your child to express an interest in eating, then start with clear liquids. Your main objective is to avoid dehydration. Many children can't tolerate water after vomiting, but will suck on ice chips or, even a cold, wet, washcloth.

Offer juices (unless there's also diarrhea), ice chips, oral rehydration and gelatin. An old home remedy that has stood the test of time is Coca-Cola. There's something about a lukewarm, flat (no bubbles) cola that makes it stay down

better than most things. If your child has been vomiting, you need to be alert to signals that he is becoming dehydrated. If the child refuses fluids, stops urinating, cries without tears, has dry mucous membranes, and

appears lethargic, listless, drowsy or confused, he may need to be taken to the hospital and given fluids intravenously. In any case, call the doctor if the vomiting persists for more than two or three days. Also be

on the lookout for symptoms of more serious illness or injuries, such as projectile vomiting in a baby, especially under four months of age; vomiting accompanied by a fever; or if the stomach is hard and bloated in between episodes of vomiting. If vomiting occurs after a head injury to the stomach (such as a bicycle handlebar injury), if your child repeatedly vomits yellow or green liquid or it resembles coffee grounds, don't hesitate to contact your pediatrician.

Most newborns and small infants spit up after or during feedings. Some ways to mini-



mize spitting up is by holding your baby gently, not jostling the baby during or after a feeding. Don't automatically fling him to your shoulder and start to burp him. Pay close attention to the baby's feeding cues, feed him at his tempo, stop when he seems to want to stop, and when he wants to take a rest, take a rest. Don't try to feed past fullness.

As always, when in doubt, contact your pediatrician and remember, children are special.

A patient's right to advance directives

By Paula Swaford, RN

In the mid 1970's our hearts went out to an ordinary girl and her family who were thrown into a controversy that continues to affect many lives today. We, as a society, have spent 20 years attempting to define the limits of patient self-determination and provide ways for an individual to direct medical decisions in the event of his or her medical and legal competence. The landmark case of Karen Ann Quinlan was decided by the New Jersey Supreme Court in 1976, and an individual's right to refuse life-sustaining treatment became a social, medical, and economic dilemma. Karen was a young woman who had been admitted to a hospital in an apparent drug and alcohol induced coma. She would remain in a persistent, vegetative state, and her parents wished to discontinue the respirator support which, it was supposed at the time, was keeping her alive.

For years every time the legal system revisited this debate, more and more questions arose. Her existence seemed to be maintained only by the use of a respirator in the face of massive and irreversible brain damage. The request by the parents to remove the respirator quickly became the focus of the right to life without further medical intervention. She surprised everyone and survived for a short time after the removal of the respirator. So the question has now become: "How do we determine the true wishes of a patient who can no longer communicate with his/her physician?"



Paula Swaford, RN

The Supreme Court took 20 years to agree to face constitutional issues concerning a patient's right to refuse apparently life-sustaining treatment, and now they are struggling with the constitutionality of a patient's right to physician-assisted suicide. The old days, when medical care was entirely directed by a benevolent "Dr. Ben Casey" or "Dr. Marcus Welby" on behalf of an uninformed, trusting patient, are passed. As medical technology offers more treatment choices, patients must balance the risks and benefits of medical care with their own personal goals, values, and beliefs.

The physician's responsibility, often delegated to the nurse, is to provide the patient with the proper medical information about his condition; they then decide what care to accept. If the person does not consent to medical care, treatment should be provided. This principle of consent rests, of course, on the presumption that the patient is medically competent to make medical decisions. And, above all else, patients have the right to make their own medical decisions, even decisions that conflict with the judgements of

doctors, nurses, hospital administrators, families, and society-at-large.

It is now federal law that under the Patient Self-Determination Act all health care institutions must inquire whether patients have advance directives (i.e. living-wills, health-care surrogates, or proxies) and note that fact in their records. Each state determines specific laws which apply to these advance directives and Florida has been in the forefront of many landmark decisions to date.

To address this type of situation, which any of us may face, it is prudent and wise to execute an advance directive so there will be no confusion as to your wishes regarding your health care to your family and your physician.

Until next time... stay informed and stay healthy.



The Palm Beach County Health Department formally initiated the county's first school-based dental sealant program at Kathryn E. Cunningham Elementary School in Canal Point on December 10.

This community program is supported by Glades Planned Approach to Community Health (PATCH), the School Board of Palm Beach County, and funded by the Quantum Foundation. The dental sealant program was one of Quantum's initial grants, announced in June, 1997. The

Quantum West County Schools' Dental Sealant Pilot Program

program was initially offered to second grade children in the west county's seven public and two private schools. This area includes the towns of Belle Glade, Pahokee, Canal Point, and South Bay.

Dental sealants are clear plastic material that are applied to the grooves of the chewing surfaces of the back teeth. Sealant provides safe and effective long-term protection from pit and fissure cavities. They are particularly effective in fluoridated communities, which led to the selection of these western communities for the initiation of the project.

"Not only do sealants prevent new cavities," says Dr. Jean Malecki, Director of the Palm Beach County Health

Department, "but they are proven to be effective in stopping certain types of existing small cavities from progressing." Since sealants are most effective when applied soon after teeth erupt into the mouth, the objective of the program is to prevent cavities in new permanent molars of elementary school children.



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Letter to the editor

There are angels out there

Dear Editor:
I would like to thank everyone involved who helped me after my accident Friday, Jan. 9 about 1 p.m. on the Airport Road and the Sugarhouse Road intersection.

Shirley Evans really knows there are angels out there. They include Rosa at the Timesaver and witnesses who gave of their time and efforts to retrieve my purse and personal belongings before my car caught fire. The EMT's who transported me to Glades General Hospital and the great staff in the emergency room and also Dr. Thomas Richards and his staff who worked on my hand until 8 p.m.

I can never thank you enough. Only in the Glades do you find such warm, willing, caring people.

God bless you all.

Shirley Evans
Belle Glade

Family grateful for care

Dear Editor:

We would like to publicly thank the staff of Everglades Regional Medical Center for the wonderful care they gave our mother/wife during the month of December.

Our mother was in the hospital for three weeks before she passed away on December 30. This was a very sad time for our family. Most of us spent Christmas Day in ICU with our mother. Even though she was not conscious, the nurses said she was aware of us being there. I hope so.

The hospital staff treated our mother very well. I think they genuinely cared about our mother and us. Some of them even cried when our mother passed away that Tuesday afternoon.

Thanks for caring.

Sincerely,
The family of Nina Shirley

Old photo invokes memories for callers

Thanks to everyone who called or came by with answers to our question two weeks ago concerning the photo of four girls taken in the early 1970's.

Wilma Western of South Bay says the girls were members of Miss Rogers modeling class and the photo originally ran in the Belle Glade Herald March 8, 1973. The young ladies called themselves "The made-moiselles" and they were planning a fashion show. This was one of several photos of the modeling group on the page.

In the picture shown two weeks ago was Gayle Glisson

(now Clay), Patricia Moran, Gay Glisson (now Suggs) and seated was Susie Dykes (McCormick). Other members of the modeling team who are not shown included Rhonda Turzerville, Lisa Bailey, Cindy Conway, Kathy Cochran, Patty Youchuck and Gail Murray.



The student councils of 1958-60 are shown at South Bay School in 1960 in an old Belle Glade Herald photo. From left is Mrs. Frank Willis, Student Council members Larry Bowen, Kathy Zwickoff, Pete Bowyer, Sharon Roberts, Janet Crichfield, John Brown Evans, Dorinda Kelsae, Pat Bowen, Doris Willis, Ray Sullivan and Gail Sullivan.



Psychiatrists should not be exempted from Sexual Predator List

By Dr. Mark A. Barber
Citizens Commission on Human Rights

Who do you consider a "sexual predator"? According to the Florida law passed in October of 1996, they are "repeat sex offenders, sex offenders who use physical violence and sex offenders who prey on children." It is noted that these individuals "present an extreme threat to public safety." Yes, they do. But the public doesn't have to be afraid of sexual predators - we have a law that says "sexual predators" must be registered with the county they reside in and their names be made available to the public. Other states have versions of "Megan's Law." This would protect you and your child, right?

Well, maybe not. You see, there is a loop-hole in the law. It seems that the law is not retroactive. Someone could be known by law enforcement officials to have been convicted of multiple sexual offenses prior to 1996, but they wouldn't be told about them. Also, it seems if their name begins with "Dr." instead of "Mr." or "Mrs.", well, they slip through the cracks too.

A case in point is a Florida psychiatrist Louis Tsavaris. He requested a full pardon for previous crimes in an attempt to get his medical license back in 1996. Fortunately for the public, the request was denied. Had he got his license, you probably would never have known that he had been convicted of killing a 24-year-old female patient while having sex with her, and was accused of raping another woman just four years later. He didn't make the list. Would you want his brand of "therapy"?

Or consider psychiatrist James Harrington White. In 1987 he sodomized a young female patient and then "electric shocked" any memory

she had of the assault right out of her head. There was no question he did it - he video-taped it! He received a seven year jail sentence and there was evidence presented she was not his first victim. What if he moved to your town? What if he began "counseling" children again? Wouldn't you want to know where he is?

And what about the University of South Florida's mental health department fiasco where the institution received more than \$800,000 to keep track of 100 convicted pedophiles - the psychiatrists there wanted the child molesters to keep a diary of their "contacts" while receiving "therapy". At the end of three years it was to be determined which of two groups of pedophiles molested the least number of children! With federally funded psychiatrists running such a repulsive program, which never got off the ground after it became public, one could say this was tantamount to child molesting by proxy. Wouldn't you like to know the names of the 100 "participants" of the program and where they are today?

Yes, there are loop-holes in Florida's "Sexual Predator" law. And a good place to start plugging those holes is by including psychiatrists, psychologists, and other mental health workers to the list if they have been convicted of sexual crimes.

Parents place their trust and their children's innocence in the hands of these strangers. They have a right to know if the psychiatrist "counseling" their child has ever been convicted of sexual crimes.

Dr. Mark A. Barber is the Commissioner for Citizens Commission on Human Rights in Clearwater, Florida.

UF Researchers seeking to make building materials more earth-friendly

Source: Timothy Townsend
University of Florida News

Roofing shingles, gypsum board and concrete blocks could join newspaper, milk jugs and aluminum cans in the recycling bin and may help the construction industry save money in the process, say researchers at the University of Florida.

Timothy Townsend, professor of environmental engineering, and his student assistants hope to show contractors, consumers and state officials how to save money by putting useful construction wastes back to work rather than dumping them into landfills, where they are likely to contaminate groundwater as they break down.

"Fluorescent light bulbs, for instance, contain mercury, as do thermostats and certain types of wall switches. Roof vent flashing contains lead."

"Construction and demolition waste, or C&D, has an environmental impact," said Townsend. "C&D wastes account for 23 percent by mass of the solid wastes in Florida

and are now recognized as a source of groundwater contamination."

But making the program succeed may depend more, at least in the beginning, on making it financially attractive rather than on touting its environmental benefits.

"We know that recycling C&D will save money that can also be passed on to consumers in lower construction costs," Townsend said. "But separating the material at the construction site, rather than shipping it to a materials recovery facility, reduces the likelihood that recyclable material will end up at the landfill."

"Recycling has become more important and potentially cheaper than putting C&D in landfills since the cost of using landfills has risen," he said. "Several Florida counties have even made it illegal to put C&D waste in landfills that do not have liners."

Since February, Townsend and his students have been scrounging around construction sites in Alachua County,

some in the shadow of the UF campus, separating all manner of debris at residential and commercial construction and demolition sites to see what is still useful.

They also are experimenting in the laboratory to determine over time what happens to C&D debris that ends up in landfills. Townsend simulates landfills by placing waste building materials in 7-foot, high metal cylinders and regularly testing the "fermentation" -- the odors and gasses they produce. Computerized tests confirm high amounts of sulfides and high acidity. The "nose test" also confirms the presence of sulphur.

Townsend said state environmental policy makers are striving to reach a balance between environmental protection and increased regulations and costs for C&D waste disposal. Indeed, the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is working with Townsend and his team on the project and hopes to see it succeed.

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BELLE GLADE BROWNIE TROOP 901 toured Belle Glade City Hall and the Lawrence Will Museum on Jan. 14. Children's Librarian Elaine Minor gave the tour of the museum and Cheree Bowers conducted the tour of City Hall. Shown, front row, from left are: Kristah Rodriguez, Zoila Rivera, Twilia Tillman, Charnequa Roberson. Middle row by herself is Kaitlyn Rodriguez. Back row, from left are: Micaela Cayson, Vionni Brown, Keren Rodriguez, Rosa Mendoza and Stefanie Mayo.

Belle Glade Police Dept. arrest blotter

The Belle Glade Police Department handled 716 complaints, worked 23 crime scenes and gave 39 traffic citations the week of January 12-18. Those arrested included:

January 12- No arrests made.

January 13- Juvenile, 15, strong arm robbery and petty theft; **Jennifer Rubio, 31,** failure to appear; **Barry Peterson, 49,** possession of cocaine and possession of cocaine with intent to sell; **Glusco McKenzie Flowers, 24,** violation of probation.

January 14- Willie James Silvers, 37, violation of probation; **Arnon Tommie, 23,** lewd

assault on a child under the age of 16; **Alger Lee Blount, 33,** contempt of court; **Bennie Clayton, 46,** failure to appear. **January 15 - David Gentry, 46,** petty theft and possession of a shopping cart; **Curtis Hill, 29,** aggravated battery with a deadly weapon; **Bill Griffin, 31,** violation of probation.

January 16 - No arrests made.

January 17 - Alberto Tinajero, 29, loitering and prowling; **Robert Keith Henderson, 36,** failure to appear; **Rufus Williams, 28,** contempt of court; **Neville Brown, 54,** possession of marijuana over 20 grams and possession of marijuana with intent to sell.

January 18 - Raymond Moore Jr., 45, possession of cocaine and possession of narcotic paraphernalia; **Henry Gaines, 21,** robbery and petty theft; **James Lee Brown, 42,** felony retail theft; **Felipe Hernandez Jr., 24,** aggravated assault with a firearm; **Richard Rivera, 22,** carrying a concealed firearm.

The police news in this newspaper lists arrests, not convictions, unless otherwise stated. Arrested persons who later are found not guilty or have had the charges against them dropped, are welcome to let us know. We will confirm the information and print it.

Pahokee Police Dept. arrest blotter

The Pahokee Police Department made 1 arrest the week of January 12-18. Arrested was:

January 12 - No arrests made.

January 13- No arrests made.

January 14 - No arrests made.

January 15- Juvenile, 15,

domestic battery.

January 16- No arrests made.

January 17 - No arrests made.

January 18- No arrests made.

Crimestoppers



Tonya Hickman

Crime Stoppers of Palm Beach County, Inc., is asking citizens to help locate **Tonya Hickman**, who is wanted for aggravated battery with a deadly weapon, criminal mischief and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Hickman is a black female, 5'9" tall weighing 130 pounds. She has black hair and brown eyes. Her date of birth is September 26, 1970, her Social Security Number is 267-71-

9381, and her last known address was 347 Eisenhower Drive, Pahokee. Her last occupation is unknown. Her warrant was active as of January 13, 1998.

If you know the whereabouts of Hickman, or anyone involved in a serious crime, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-458-8477. You can remain anonymous and still receive a cash reward, if your tip leads to an arrest.

Xi Zeta Mu Sorority helps needy

Xi Zeta Mu held their monthly meeting and Christmas party December 8, 1997, at the home of Jane Evans. Jane's lovely home was decorated for Christmas. Jane also presented each member with two gifts, a ceramic musical bird and a ceramic nativity scene and candle. Karen Corbin and Barbara Meroney presented a beautiful musical concert of Christmas songs.

Grandle York wrote and read a poem involving each member

and their husband about the 12 days of Christmas. Each member brought a covered dish and a lovely buffet was enjoyed by all. Secret Sisters were revealed and gifts exchanged. New Secret sisters were drawn for 1998.

Two needy families in Belle Glade were selected as recipients for Xi Zeta Mu's Christmas gifts this year.

Others attending were: Florence Acree, Sandra Chambliss, Marjelyne Cochran, Laura En-

finger, Janise Goforth, Judy McMillan, Linda McMillan, Barbara Meroney, Laverne Motes, Gloria Swager, Laurel Tarr, and Annette Wilson.

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Florida's lower East coast. This plan was originally slated to chart a course for the water supply needs of Palm Beach, Broward, Dade and Monroe Counties through the year 2010, and also to determine the ultimate water needs of the Everglades.

This is an extremely complex, controversial and daunting task, and the district and interest groups that have been putting tremendous time and effort into it should be commended. The task is made more confusing by the fact that the US Army Corps of Engineers, as directed by the Water Resources Development Act of 1992 is developing a master plan for retrofitting the C&SF Project for environmental and water supply benefits.

While the district and the Corps are working in close cooperation and coordinating their planning efforts, there are still many "fuzzy areas." For example, a project known as the Water Preserve Areas (formerly called the East Coast Grower project) is considered by government agencies to be a cornerstone of long-term water supply and Everglades protection. In fact, in 1995, the Florida legislature dedicated \$30 million in Preservation 2000 funds to purchase lands that presumably would be needed for the project. These lands encompass some 90,000 acres in Western Palm Beach, Broward and Dade Counties adjacent to and immediately to the east of the Water Conservation Areas. The idea behind the Water Preserve Areas is that water which now is discharged to the ocean via the canal system could be back-pumped into reservoirs or marshes. This water that would be "held back in the system" would indirectly benefit urban water users by helping to recharge wetlands, but it could also be discharged to the west, into the Everglades to

provide for the needs of nature. Finally, it would buffer the Everglades by preventing urbanization right up to the boundary of the Everglades levees and helping to control groundwater seepage out of the Water Conservation Areas. Although originally proposed as a critical component for future urban water supply, the Water Preserve Areas - with the exception of one parcel - are not included in the current draft of the Lower East Coast Water Supply Plan. Instead, planning for the Water Preserve Areas is being handled under the Corp study. In the meantime, land acquisitions are well underway.

Generalized location of the Water Preserve Areas proposed by the Water Management District

There may be many benefits associated with the Water Preserve Areas, and it might make sense to buy up remaining undeveloped land to avoid growing these east coast counties right up to the edge of the Everglades. However, there are many unknowns when it comes to the Water Preserves. There is no quantification of how much urban water supplies may increase as a result of the preserves. Preliminary studies have suggested that shallow reservoirs would do very little to increase supply since they would be able to store only a small fraction of the water that is discharged to the sea. They would be inefficient storage areas since, because of the high evapotranspiration rates, the areas would be dry during the dry season when water is most needed.

What may be even more troublesome is the question of how urban runoff stored in the Water Preserve Areas could ever be discharged back into the Everglades to meet environmental water supply needs. Urban runoff is generally more

polluted than agricultural runoff and more difficult to clean. How would this water be treated, and at what expense, in order to make it a viable source for the Everglades?

The same issue exists for projects being proposed under the district's Lower East Coast plan. The district has employed a computer model referred to as the Natural Systems Model as the basis for quantifying how much water should be restored to the Everglades. The model was designed to simulate how water would flow through the Everglades if south Florida had never been developed at all. Now it is being used to calculate what the exact water depths would be at specific points throughout the Everglades in an effort to mimic water levels in the 1800s even though there is no way to verify that the model is accurate. Based on this model, the District is suggesting that an additional 400,000 acre feet a year may need to be delivered to the Everglades to meet its water supply needs! That's equivalent to 130 billion gallons of water - an amount that could fill 12 million backyard swimming pools, every year! Suffice it to say there is NO consensus on these figures or this approach to the question.

But even if there were agreement on the numbers, the question remains, how would that much water (whether from Lake Okechobee, whose most recent three-year average phosphorus concentrations were 112 ppb, or from the Water Preserve Areas) be treated to achieve a possible standard of 10 ppb? How much would it cost? And who would pay for it? And would it really be good for the Everglades?

Next week: The final part of our 10-part series: So, where do we go from here?

South Bay Police Dept. arrest blotter

The South Bay Police Department made five arrests, the week of January 11-17.

Those arrested included:

January 11- No arrests made.

January 12- No arrests made.

January 13- Juvenile, 14, battery.

January 14- Juvenile, 17, failure to appear; **Juvenile, 17,** obstructing and opposing and resisting arrest without violence.

January 15 - No arrests made.

January 16 - No arrests made.

January 17 - Robert Lee Mobley, 35, contempt of court.

PHS to hold class reunion meeting

The regular monthly meeting for the upcoming 20th Year Class Reunion of Pahokee High School will be Saturday, Jan. 24, 5 p.m. at the home of Dorothy G. Flemming-Wilkinson, 8698 Doveland Drive, Apt. C-3, Pahokee.

All attendees are asked to bring a covered dish and

please be on time. For further information, please contact Diane Freeman at 924-2207 or Teresa Byrnes at 924-5674. Please leave a message.

Also, the group is still look-

ing to contact some of the members of the Class of 1978. Anyone who knows the whereabouts of any members of the class are asked to contact Mrs. Freeman or Ms. Byrnes.



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New baby on the block



Jonathan David Morris, Jr.

Jonathan David and Amy Suzanne Morris, of Belle Glade, are proud to announce the birth of their second child, Jonathan David Morris, Jr. (J.J.), born December 4, 1997 at Everglades Regional Medical Center, Pahokee. He weighed 8 lbs. 4 oz., and was 21 inches long at birth.

Maternal grandparents are Bette Jane Stratton of Okeechobee and Charles William Harwell of Virginia. Paternal grandparents are David Graham and Rebecca Ann Morris of Belle Glade.

Baby Jonathan (J.J.) also

has a proud little sister, Audrina Michelle, who always wants to hold him.

Jonathan, Sr. works for Wackenhut Corporation at the South Bay Correctional Facility as a correctional officer. He is also a part-time student at Palm Beach Community College earning a degree in Music Education.

"A linebacker is born!" says proud daddy, Jonathan, Sr.



Glades Day Gators go up for the rebound against King's Academy school. The Gators defeated King's 72-66.

V-I-C-T-O-R-Y, victory, victory that's our cry!



Gators - dribble it, pass it, make a basket!

Gonzalez packs a punch



Trainer Nelson Lopez, Sr. and Jose Gonzalez

By Jennie M. Sears
Staff Reporter
The Royal Palm Beach Police Athletic League and the Florida Gold Coast Association Boxing Tournament Saturday, January 17 at the South Florida Fair.

Winners in this tournament advance to USA Regional Tournament Holyfield Arena in Atlanta, Georgia.

Jose Gonzalez, weighing 156 lbs., of Lake "O" Boxing Gym in Pahokee, challenged Toby

Smith, weighing 163, in a three round boxing match.

Gonzalez handled the fight so well that in the end it was evident who would win.

"Jose did very well," said trainer Nelson Lopez, Sr. "Although he has some maturing to do in his boxing techniques, he has a lot of potential and is sure to make it to the top."

Trainer and owner of the Lake "O" Boxing Gym in Pahokee Lopez, Sr. said that he will be working with Jose

on keeping an upright position throughout a fight, throwing more combination punches such as, upper-cuts and hooks, and working on defense.

Jose Gonzalez is 17 years old and a junior at Pahokee High School. After graduating, Jose plans to attend a technical school to earn a degree in computer programming.

For the past 7 months Jose has been working part-time at Ace Hardware in Pahokee.

Training for Jose consist of 2 hours of sparring and technique training, four or five days a week.

As far as his boxing career Gonzalez says, "I want to get as far as I can."

When asked what he thought about Saturday's tournament Jose said, "I could have done a better job. Next time I will throw more punches, less power punches to conserve my energy and wear on my opponent, and I will be happy if I make a knock-out by the third round."



U.S. Army Corps of Engineers need our help

Fishing, hunting and fish spawning season is upon us and many sportsmen are visiting and utilizing Lake Okeechobee at their favorite spots. Due to the increased public use during the November to March time frame on Lake Okeechobee, the Corps of Engineers and partner agencies (FDEP, SFWMD, FGFWFC) established a goal to reduce invasive aquatic plant management efforts on the lake between these months each year. If you were on the lake last year at this time you may have noticed the absence of exotic plant management crews. Many factors were in our favor that allowed us to stay off the lake during the winter months last year. This year, however, has presented some challenges. Inclement weather conditions in September and October, above normal rainfall and higher lake levels has hindered our management efforts this

summer and fall.

In light of the above conditions, work crews were unable to keep up with the growth of exotic floating vegetation on the lake. Therefore, minimal treatments will have to be continued this winter to ensure exotic vegetation remains within manageable levels. The Corps of Engineers asks for your patience and understanding this season.

Please let us know of any planned fishing tournaments or fish spawning areas that you observe or are aware of. It is our desire to manage Lake Okeechobee's exotic plant populations in a way that does not interfere with your use and enjoyment of this great water resource. Please contact biologist, Sharon Bush at 941-983-8101, with any questions or concerns that you have regarding the aquatic plant management program on Lake Okeechobee.

Horta resigns from Mayor's seat

By Jennie M. Sears
Staff Reporter
Ramón Horta, Mayor of Pahokee resigned last Tuesday. Mr. Horta works for the Correctional Services Corporation, a firm that runs the Pahokee Youth Development Center.

Working for this company has demanded much of his time, leav-

ing little time for politics. Mr. Horta is currently working on a project in Puerto Rico and must spend a lot of his time traveling.

The former mayor has been on the commission for six years. He was Palm Beach County's first Hispanic mayor and has influenced many improvements in the city.

Commissioner John Norman will

be acting mayor until elections in May. His seat will not be filled.

Two commissioners' are up for election in the spring as well as the mayor's seat.

Commissioner Norman has been on the commission for 13 years. He said that he has not decided whether he will be running for mayor.

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Obituaries

Week of January 22, 1998

Route B. Myers, 101, of Belle Glade, FL, died on January 13, 1998. Mr. Myers graduated from Kirklin High School (Indiana) in 1914 and from Indiana University in 1929. He taught 28 years in the Clinton County, retiring in 1964. He was a member of the Indiana Retired Teachers Association.

Mr. Myers was a member of the Everglades Presbyterian Church. He was a WWII veteran and received the Purple Heart. He was a life member of the Kirklin Masonic Lodge, Lions Club, and American Legion. He was also a member of DAV. He received the Silver Beaver award for his work with the Boy Scouts. He served one term as Kirklin Township Trustee, one term as County Commissioner, and one term on the Kirklin Town Board. He held dual membership in the Kirklin Chapter of Eastern Star and the Pahokee, FL Chapter.

Mr. Myers was born January 26, 1896, in Boone County, Indiana, to Frank and Fannie Hodge Myers and lived his entire life in the Kirklin community until moving to Belle Glade, FL, in 1989. He married Muriel J. Ooley on August 5, 1931, and she survives. Also surviving are daughter, Rosemary Buchanan; son-in-law, Kenneth Buchanan; granddaughter Beth Lynn Buchanan of Belle Glade, and several nieces and nephews. One sister and two brothers preceded him in death.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to the Boy Scouts of America, Gulfstream Community College, or the Mission Funeral Home had charge of arrangements.

Thank You

The family of the late Phillips Scurry wishes to thank all who helped to make our loss a little easier to bear.

If you telephoned, visited, brought food, sent a card, flowers, or said a prayer, we appreciate the gesture. Know that we are most appreciative and ask God's richest blessings upon each of you.

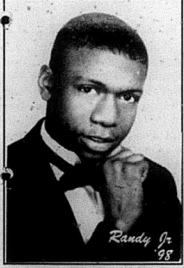
A special thanks to the New Bethel and Mt. Zion Church, families and pastors.

Sincerely,
Jessie Scurry & family



Commissioner Brogan in the midst of the Patrol's at Belle Glade Elementary

Coca-Cola Scholars semi-finalist



Randy Burden, Jr. of Belle Glade and a graduating senior at Glades Central High School has recently been notified that he has been selected from nearly 129,000 applicants throughout the United States as one of 1,903 semi-finalists in the 1997-98 Coca-Cola Scholars Program.

Randy was selected because of his outstanding leadership, achievements and demonstrated potential.

The Scholars Program weekend will be held in Atlanta, Georgia in April, and 152 students will be selected as finalists in the Coca-Cola Scholars Program and invited to attend. Travel, housing, and meals are provided by the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation for the finalists.

During the Finalists Weekend, each student will

be interviewed and evaluated by the National Selection Committee, which will award 52 National Scholarships of \$20,000 each and 100 Regional Scholarships of \$4,000 each.

Randy is actively involved as president of the Student Council at Glades Central, member of the National Honor Society, Literary Magazine staff, Yearbook staff, and is a statistician for athletics and plays baseball.

Upon completing his high school career, Randy plans to attend the University of Florida.

Congratulations to Randy for this noteworthy recognition.

Campbell appears in CompUSA Florida Citrus Bowl

Gabrena Campbell, a senior at Pahokee Middle/Senior High School, appeared in the halftime show of the CompUSA Florida Citrus Bowl. She is a member of the Marching Bands "Hi Energy" Drill/Dance team at the school.

During the summer of 1997, Gabrena, attended a Dance Camp at Barry University in Miami, FL, sponsored by the National Cheerleading Association. Captain

of this year's squad Gabrena learned several routines. She performed these routines before the judges and earned the right to choreograph her original routine. It was on the basis of her original routine that she was chosen to represent Pahokee Middle/Senior High School at the Citrus Bowl.

The CompUSA Florida Citrus Bowl was played on January 1, 1998. The NSG Performance team,

which made its second appearance in this Bowl Game, consists of All-American and All-American nominee dancers and auxiliary performers from throughout the United States.

Gabrena is the 17-year old daughter of James Mims, Jr. and Therry Campbell, both of West Palm Beach, and the granddaughter of Dorothy Eaddy of Pahokee.

Seider makes Dean's List at Kentucky Wesleyan College



Brian J. Seider

A Belle Glade resident, Brian Jay Seider, is listed on the Fall 1997 Dean's List at Kentucky Wesleyan College. He has maintained a 3.5 GPA and carried a minimum of 12 semester hours to be eligible for the Dean's List.

Seider, the son of Jay and Diana Seider of Belle Glade, is a 1992 graduate of Glades Day High School. He is a senior business administration major and a member of the Panther football team where he was twice named

All American and twice named Academic All American. Seider was recently named to Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

Located in Owensboro, KY, Kentucky Wesleyan College is a four-year, United Methodist Church affiliated, co-educational institution offering a wide range of majors in the liberal arts, as well as specialized programs in communication arts, nursing, and criminal justice.

Scholarship deadline for high school & college students

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P.O. Box 4012, Lake Forest, IL 60045-5012; fax a request to (847) 295-3972; or e-mail a request to "scholar@csf.org."

All requests for applications must include the following: student's name, permanent home address, city, state, zip code, name of current high school or college, approximate GPA, and year in school during

the 1997-98 academic year.

Applications will be fulfilled by mail only, on or about April 10, 1998. Two hundred and fifty (250) winners will be selected on the basis of academic performance, involvement in extracurricular activities, and some consideration for financial need. A total of \$250,000 will be awarded.

Florida Education Commissioner visits schools in Glades area

Commissioner Brogan visited Rosenwald Elementary School, K. Cunningham/Canal Point Elementary School and Belle Glade Elementary. During visits to each school, he toured the schools, visited classrooms and talked with teachers and students, and discussed the strategies each school is implementing to increase student achievement levels.

"These schools are working hard to overcome obstacles so that students can learn at greater levels," Commissioner Brogan said. "Seeing their efforts first hand and talking one-on-one with the teachers and students is a tremendous source of inspiration. We can learn so much by taking a closer look at schools that are striving to improve."

Commissioner Brogan, who received the Florida Commission on Human Relations 1996 Civil Rights Award in Education for his efforts to provide greater opportunities for minorities in Florida's public schools, has visited most of the schools which remain listed as critically low-performing, to hear from school leaders and faculty and to observe strategies to address gaps in student achievement. Currently, 30 of Florida's

2,300 public schools are listed as critically low student academic performance, down from 158 in 1995, the year the designations began. The Florida Department of Education focused work with local school districts to provide assistance to schools with low performance, including technical assistance and the allocation of more than \$4.5 million to aid their improvement efforts.

The commissioner's budget request for 1998-99 includes \$2.25 million which would be available to assist public schools remaining on the low performance list after three years. The Department's Office of School Improvement has spearheaded efforts for the schools and coordinated assistance from a variety of resources, including Title I, the Human Resource Development Centers, Area Centers for Educational Enhancement, and other regionally-based service providers. At the local level, since 1995, Florida school districts have allocated more than \$37 million to directly aid the schools identified as having low performance. Higher education partnerships, business partnerships, parental involvement and volunteer efforts have also increased substantially in vir-

tually all of the low performing schools over the past two years.

Florida is one of 26 states that identify schools with low academic performance. In 1991, with the enactment of the School Improvement and Education Accountability Act, the state committed to developing and implementing a system of "stringent education accountability," ensuring that "unsuccessful schools" were provided assistance and intervention and that actions would be taken when schools did not improve.

In the fall of 1995, the State Board of Education unanimously adopted a rule proposed by the Florida Department of Education defining the criteria for identifying public school with critically low student performance. Florida began publishing school performance data and identifying schools with critically low student performance in November, 1995. A new law enacted in 1996 gave the State Board of Education specific authority to direct school districts to take action to improve critically low performing schools that fail to make adequate progress after three years.

Lady Gators beat King's Academy

Jennie M. Sears Staff Reporter

On Tuesday, January 13, the Glades Day girls basketball team played at King's Academy.

These two teams had already faced off early in the season and met on the court for a second game. The Lady Gators lost the first game in November against King's, but made a come-back Tuesday night and beat King's Academy.

"I am very happy with the win over King's, since they beat us earlier in the season," said

Coach Ellen Smith.

Crystal Brown, senior, was the leading scorer with 14 points for the night, 3 blocks, and 3 assists.

Following behind was Hela Barhoush, 8th grader, scoring 11 points, 3 blocks, and 6 rebounds. Hela was moved up from JV in order to give the Varsity team a helping hand for the remainder of the season and she's made a great impact.

Way to go Gators!!

In two weeks the Lady Gators will be playing in the

district rounds, so go out and support your team!

On Thursday, January 15, the Lady Gators suffered a loss against Benjamin. This game was a district game and unfortunately, this loss will hurt the Gators in the district seeding. However, the Lady Gators are still working hard to get to the finals.

"The girls have improved over the last time we played Benjamin and we'll get even better before districts," said Coach Smith.

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Hager and Fulks to wed Jan. 31

Frederick Wallace Hager and Rachel Michelle Fulks will exchange vows on Saturday, January 31 at 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church

in Pahokee.

A reception will follow at the Pahokee Elks Club immediately following the ceremony. No local invitations have

been sent, but the family encourages friends and family of the couple to attend the event. RSVP by Jan. 23 by calling Gloria Hager in Pahokee.

Glades Girl Scouts are selling cookies

One of the best days of the year isn't even an official holiday. It's the opening day of the annual Girl Scout Cookie Sale. From January 22 through February 9, Girl Scouts from local troops will be selling Girl Scout Cookies door-to-door and at locations throughout the community.

This year there are eight delicious Girl Scout Cookie varieties, including Thin Mints, Shortbread, Peanut Butter Patties, Peanut Butter Sandwich, Caramel deLites, Reduced Fat Iced Ginger, Daisies, Five World Cinnamon and Reduced Fat Lemon Pastry Creams. The cost of the cookies is \$3.00 per box.

"Girl Scout Cookies are an American tradition," says Sandra Patton, executive director of Girl Scout Council of Palm Glades, Inc. "We are proud to be part of this annual

event. Girl Scout Cookies got their start during the 1920s, when Girl Scout founder, Juliette Gordon Low began working with girls to bake and sell cookies. In fact, the first documented council-wide sale of commercially baked cookies took place in Philadelphia in 1934."

Today, it's hard to find a person who hasn't sampled Girl Scout Cookies. Research shows that Thin Mints are the most popular variety, accounting for about 25% of all Girl Scout Cookies sold. When given the opportunity, the average household purchases about five boxes each season.

"The cookie sale is an important part of Girl Scouting, because it teaches girls important life skills such as how to set goals, handle money responsibly, and work with others," says Patton.

All proceeds of the sale benefit Girl Scouting in our local communities. Some of the council activities and projects that are funded by the cookie sale include financial aid, leadership and citizenship training, camp maintenance, and support services for adult volunteers.

The cookie sale also provides troops with discretionary money for "extras" such as service projects, camping equipment, trips and special activities.

Our local troop will be at Winn Dixie, U Save and First Community Bank in Belle Glade, starting Thursday, Jan. 22. For more information about the Girl Scout Cookie Sale or Girl Scouting in your area, please call the Palm Glades Girl Scout Council at (561) 582-5362 or (800) 432-1453.



Common Bond

Free Concert

The First Baptist Church of Belle Glade cordially invites you to attend a free concert by gospel group Common Bond. Mark, Luke and John Green, are Christian Music's only set of identical triplets and winners of the Southern Gospel Music Guild's New Artist of the Year award and the Singing News Magazine's Horizon Group of the Year award. "Common Bond" has appeared on the "Maury Povich Show," the Trinity Broadcasting Network, and the Inspirational Network. Mark, Luke and John now bring their award winning harmonies to Belle Glade for a free concert with the public invited to attend on Sunday, February 1, at 7:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Belle Glade. So come listen and enjoy! A love offering will be taken for the group.

Glades Day Gator Tales

Half the school year is over (already!) and Glades Day School's students finished their first semester exams last week. Report cards will be mailed to parents towards the end of this week, along with a calendar showing school events for the

Pancake Breakfast that will take place from 8 - 11:30 a.m. this Saturday, January 24, in Tripp Hall. The tickets, which sell for \$4 each, will include pancakes, sausages, apples and a beverage. For those who would rather eat home, take-

projects. Everything from England's Big Ben to the Egyptian pyramids to the Roman coliseum could be seen by visitors to Tripp Hall. In addition to 3-D projects, the students made posters and presented oral and written reports. It was evident that a lot of hard work was put into these projects and the students are to be commended for a job well done!

"We all scream for ICE cream!" Mrs. Debby Grave de Peralta's fourth graders will be treated to an ice cream sundae party after winning the latest competition for bringing in the most. Campbell's soup can labels. The next contest will end on Thursday, February 26, when the class who collects the most labels will win a NO UNIFORM day. Elementary principal wishes to thank all those parents who are donating to the program, but is cautioning the students to make sure they empty the contents of the can before bringing the label.

GDS also congratulates junior Donnie Scruggs, our one-man wrestling team, for



Andrea Payret, a sixth grader at Glades Day School, puts the finishing touches on Notre Dame Cathedral, which was a part of her project for social studies. Andrea's project was displayed along with her classmates, in the school's Tripp Hall earlier this month.

month of February. GDS congratulates Glee Club Students Larry Confare and Alexa Staats, who represented the school at the All-State Chorus in Tampa earlier this month. The two qualified by passing rigorous written and oral exams conducted by the Florida Vocal Association last fall, and then auditioning for the chorus. They joined students from around the state in performing musical selections at the Tampa Performing Arts Center.

The Sophomore Class is excited about rings - class rings, that is. A representative from Herff Jones visited the students earlier this week so they could preview the selection of class rings that is available. The company will return this Friday, January 23, to take orders. A deposit (usually \$50) will be required when ordering. Those who like to eat out for breakfast may be interested in the National Honor Society's

outs are available. Tickets are available from NHS/NHS members and sponsors, or call the high school office at 996-



Sixth grader Jenna Conte proudly display the mosaic tile she made as part of her project for social studies.

6769. The NHS will donate proceeds from the breakfast to help the science department update equipment for the labs. Congratulations are in order for Mrs. Paulette Mounton's sixth graders, who mounted impressive displays of countries in the eastern hemisphere for this year's social studies

winning his weight division at Hendry County's Invitational wrestling tournament earlier this month. Donnie, who has been wrestling since he was a youngster, won all of his matches, and was selected as Outstanding Tournament Wrestler for the upper weight division.

First Mayor's Teen Summit planned

Born at the historic Presidents' Summit in Philadelphia, American's Promise-The Alliance for Youth, and its Chairman General Colin Powell challenged communities and individuals to commit to provide children and young people with resources and opportunities to become productive and successful adults.

In response to that challenge, on Saturday, February 7, 1998 from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., South Bay Mayor Clarence E. Anthony will sponsor the first Mayor's Teen Summit at Palm Beach Community College- Glades Campus, 1977 College Drive, Belle Glade.

In its inaugural year, the event will bring together over 150 youth from the tri-city area of South Bay, Belle Glade and Pahokee, to identify, discuss and begin solving problems facing them and our community. Said Mayor Anthony, "like American's Promise, I know that I cannot alone accomplish the goal of reaching all young people; that it will take the goodwill and actions of many at all levels to ensure that our youth have the resources nec-

essary to achieve success. It is my vision that this event will mark the birth of an on-going collective commitment of business and industry, civic, religious, and community organizations working under a common cause to ensure the greatness of our future communities - by investing in our youth to strengthen and given them the tools and guidance necessary to develop into employable and productive citizens."

Participants will attend a series of workshops designed to provide them with basic skills necessary to strengthening their personal and future professional development. Topics include:

Dressing for Success/Tips on Etiquette: Participants will learn why it's important to "look the part" of success. They will receive tips and guidelines on how to dress for different functions and proper behavior and dining etiquette for business and social events.

Public Speaking vs. Shooting the Breeze: Participants will learn general guidelines for reading their audience when speaking publicly and how to determine

what type language and communication is appropriate for different situations.

Can we all just get along? How to live, work, and play together. This interactive session will examine the issues teens are facing today. Participants will learn approaches for dealing with peer pressure and strategies for resolving conflict without resorting to violence.

Charting the Course to Economic Empowerment: This session will provide participants with an overview of how to achieve economic empowerment. Participants will learn the basics of economic investments and understand why they should learn about and begin financial planning, starting now.

The highlight of the event is the Glades Teen Talk Show hosted by Verna Collins of WFTV Channel 5. During this interactive rap session participants will provide feedback on the workshops of the day and identify, discuss, and begin the problem solving process on issues facing them and the community.

Social news

Valentine Cookies

Xi Beta Tau Sorority held a recent meeting at the home of Amy Schenck.

Plans were finalized for the baking and selling of 8" Valentine cookies to be baked and decorated to any specification by the sorority members. Also discussed were the plans to submit names for Spring rushing.

An information program was presented by Janelle Leatherman on "A Very Special Arts" program for Special Ed. children in the West Area schools. Janelle showed a video, and taught everyone how to make balloon animals.

Refreshments were served by Amy Schenck. Attending the meeting were: Frances Adams, Mirtha Graydon, JoAnn Law, Omada Milliron, Lakha Moss, Tina Provencale, Sandy Simonson, Alice Thompson and Carlene Walker.

Founders Day Celebration

The Glades Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc., will observe its local Founder's Day program on Sunday, January 25, 1998 at New Hope Baptist Church, 100 East Fifth Street, Pahokee. Reverend Bass is the pastor. The program will begin at 11:00 a.m. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

Red & White Ball

The Glades Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma, Inc. will sponsor its annual Red & White Ball, Saturday, February 14, 1998, at the old Pahokee High School Gym. The affair is semi-formal and BYOB. Donations of \$15.00 per ticket will help fund the many community projects sponsored by the chapter. Refreshments will be served. For ticket information contact Mary Rainey, President at 996-9592.

Gospel Concert at Miracle Temple Ministries

Miracle Temple Ministries will host a gospel singing on Friday, Jan. 30 at 7 p.m. at the church.

Singers from around the lake will be performing. Rev. Alvin E. Nichols invites everyone to attend.

Eddie Piper to be in concert at Canal Point Methodist

Canal Point United Methodist Church will be hosting Eddie Piper in a gospel concert on Tuesday, Jan. 27 at 7 p.m.

Mr. Piper is a recording artist out of Lewistown, Pa and is well-known in the Glades area.

Rev. Gregory Sampson invited everyone to attend the concert.

SAC meeting

Pahokee Middle/Senior High School will hold a School Advisory Council (SAC) meeting on Jan. 26 at 6:30 p.m. in the multi-purpose room. Refreshments will be served. For information call G.C. Atkins at 924-6524.

Children's Concert scheduled for Glades Central High

Child Care Resource & Referral, Inc. and Glades Central Community High School are presenting a children's concert entitled "Making Music Together," "Miss Jackie," a nationally-known children's entertainer, author, and TV personality, will perform an interactive concert at Glades Central on Friday, Jan. 30 at 3:30 p.m.

Miss Jackie has many accomplishments to her credit, including an appearance with Captain Kangaroo, and performances in several television shows including "Just Kids" and "41 Treehouse Lane." She has recorded many children's songs, and her recording, "Joining Hands with Other Lands" won three national awards.

The performance is designed for pre-school aged children, according to Karen Brandi, director of education at Child Care Resource & Referral, Inc. Tickets are \$3 and seats must be reserved before Jan. 29 by calling (561) 832-0844.

Register for third term at West Tech

Registration for day and evening programs at West Technical Education Center, SR 715, Belle Glade, is now open. The nine-week term begins Jan. 26 and ends April 2.

For additional information, call 996-4907.

Ceremony planned

Florida A & M University President Frederick Humphries will be at Glades Central Community High School in the gymnasium on Tuesday, Jan. 27 at 6:30 p.m. The university is adopting Glades Central and will offer two, 4-year scholarships each year. The public is invited to attend.

Pahokee Chamber's Awards Banquet

The Pahokee Chamber of Commerce announces its 47th Annual Meeting & Awards Banquet and Pahokee Main Streets Second Annual Meeting & Awards Banquet to be held on Thursday, Feb. 5 at

7 p.m.

This year, there will be a silent auction of items on display to benefit the Chamber and Main Street.

"In addition to a delicious buffet, this year we have many wonderful gifts donated by community businesses that anyone would love to have. Come early to view the display and place your bid," said Chamber Executive Director Alice Thompson.

To reserve your tickets, call the Chamber at 924-5579.

Main Street Calendars available

The Light Up Pahokee campaign has been renamed "The Julian Branch Festival of Lights," in honor of Pahokee's very special friend, Julian Branch, who passed away this past year. Volunteers are needed for the event, so call 924-6332 to volunteer or obtain information.

The 1998 Pahokee Main Street Community Calendar is now available at the Chamber of Commerce. Area businesses have sponsored each month and events of local interest are shown on the calendar.

The calendars may be obtained by making a donation of any amount to Pahokee Main Street. Call 924-6332 for further information.

Baha'is plan Sunday meetings

The Baha'i community in the Glades will be holding spiritual meetings each Sunday at 10 a.m. at the Magdalene Carney Baha'i Institute, 300 S.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Belle Glade. A prayer session begins at 10 a.m. and classes for adults, youth and children start at 10:30 a.m. A covered dish luncheon will take place at noon and a youth workshop begins at 1 p.m. Anyone needing additional information can contact Elhonor Walker, coordinator at 996-1959.

NA and AA meetings

There are two narcotic anonymous groups that meet in the Glades and new members are always welcome.

Sweet Miracles meets on Thursday evenings at 8 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, 200 N.W. Avenue H, Belle Glade. They have open discussions and speakers.

There is also a PANDA (Pregnant And Addicted) meeting every Saturday at 10 a.m. at the PANDA office, 316 N.W. Avenue D, Belle Glade. This meeting is for women only and is an open discussion meeting. Alcoholics Anonymous meets on Monday evenings at 8:30 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, 225 N.W. Avenue G, Belle Glade. Participation in any of these meetings is strict-

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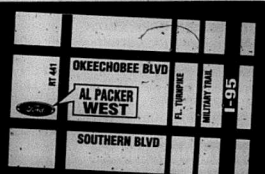
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Mike Lyons

Bob Miller was about to break the rules. Miller, an Air Force Captain at Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma, was convinced that severe thunderstorms would develop in the vicinity of the base. And Miller was sure that one of

those thunderstorms would spawn a tornado.

It was March 25, the start of tornado season in the region called Tornado Alley. But the year was 1948, a time when the government decreed that it was illegal to predict tornadoes. Bob Miller was about to break the rules.

Miller phoned another meteorologist, Major Ernest Fawbush, for advice. Fawbush drove to the weather station immediately to go over the latest weather maps and hourly reports.

There wasn't much data. Miller and Fawbush did have access to a radar but there were no weather satellites or sophisticated computer pro-

grams. They hadn't been invented yet.

Yet the two men did have experience forecasting the weather in Oklahoma and both agreed that severe weather was headed their way. In addition, Fawbush concluded that a tornado was likely to form.

The two men wrote the severe weather forecast together, advising residents of the Air Force base to keep an eye out for severe thunderstorms, including the possibility of a tornado. Then, the men waited.

The tornado that roared through Tinker Air Force base that night was very strong. It caused considerable damage, a few injuries, but no fatalities. No one died because Miller and Fawbush had told everyone what to expect.

It was the first tornado forecast in American history and it turned out to be right on the mark. Within a few years, the U.S. Weather Bureau, a forerunner of today's National Weather Service, was issuing public tornado predictions on a regular basis.

On March 23-25, the National Weather Service will honor the work of Miller and Fawbush with a special celebration at Tinker Air Force Base. The event will recognize the milestones in tornado forecasting over the past 50 years, including the rapid advancements in

severe weather watches and warnings that have been realized in recent years through the new Doppler radar and interactive computer systems.

The Golden Anniversary Celebration will also highlight the exciting future that lies ahead, from better scientific understanding of tornadoes to the integration of rapidly advancing computer systems into everyday weather forecasting.

While predicting a tornado is never taken for granted, these days forecasters almost always know when a twister may develop. The art of severe weather forecasting is so sophisticated that tornadoes hardly ever surprise us anymore.

Doppler radar can even detect a tornado before it actually forms, providing up to 20 minutes of lead warning time for residents. Back in Miller and Fawbush's days, it was illegal to predict tornadoes. Now, it would be criminal not to forecast these violent storms.

On March 25, 1948, Miller and Fawbush agonized for hours over whether to issue the tornado prediction. Today, thanks to their work all of us are a lot safer from tornadoes and violent thunderstorms.

All because Bob Miller decided to break the rules.

(Mike Lyons is the chief weather forecaster for WPTV-TV)

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